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## **Loess Hills Great Places Presentation**

The Loess Hills offer to the Iowa Great Places Citizen Advisory Board has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hitchcock Nature Area located five miles north of Crescent on Highway L-20. Anyone supporting the Loess Hills being selected as one of three pilot Great Places for the Iowa Great Places Initiative, is invited to attend the hour-long presentation.

Shirley Frederiksen, Coordinator of Golden Hills RC&D stated, "The Loess Hills possess unique and authentic qualities that

make this area special. We will be sharing those qualities and our vision for the Loess Hills with the Citizen Advisory Board during our offer."

The Iowa Great Places Initiative was created by Governor Vilsack's Executive Order 39. It calls on 19 state agencies to identify ways to package their financial and technical resources to create a "one-stop shop" for existing state programs. A call for invitations to participate was issued this spring. Iowa's first three pilot Great Places will be announced in October.

The 12-member Iowa

Great Places Advisory Board will select the three pilot Great Places based on each locations presentation of their offer in context of the following seven dimensions: A Rich Social Fabric; Engaging Experiences; A Unique Sense of Place; A Vital Economy; A Pleasing Environment; A Creative Culture; and A Strong Foundation.

For further information on the Loess Hills Iowa Great Places offer, contact Golden Hills RC&D at 712-

482-3029. For information on the Great Places Initiative, visit [www.iowagreatplaces.gov](http://www.iowagreatplaces.gov).